

(MILSATCOM), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2767(f); to the Committee on International Relations.

4505. A letter from the Assistant Secretary Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification of decisions made by the President regarding the drawdown of articles and services from the inventory and resources of the Departments of Defense, State, Justice, the Treasury, and Transportation, and military education and training from the Department of Defense, to provide counternarcotics assistance to Colombia, Peru, Ecuador, and Panama, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2364(a)(1); to the Committee on International Relations.

4506. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Copies of international agreements, other than treaties, entered into by the United States, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

4507. A letter from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting the annual report disclosing the financial condition of the retirement system for the year ending September 30, 1997, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9503(a)(1)(B); to the Committee on Government Reform.

4508. A letter from the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting the budget request for the Office of Inspector General, Railroad Retirement Board, for fiscal year 2001, pursuant to 45 U.S.C. 231f; to the Committee on Government Reform.

4509. A letter from the Assistant Secretary Policy, Management and Budget, Department of the Interior, transmitting the annual report on royalty management and collection activities for Federal and Indian mineral leases in FY 1998, pursuant to 30 U.S.C. 237; to the Committee on Resources.

4510. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Interior, transmitting a report on the Operations of Glen Canyon Dam Pursuant to the Grand Canyon Protection Act of 1992: Water Years 1998 and 1999; to the Committee on Resources.

4511. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the West Yakutat District of the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No. 990304062-9062-01; I.D. 081399B] received September 21, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4512. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Deep-Water Species Fishery by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No. 990304062-9060-01; I.D. 081699B] received September 21, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4513. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Acting Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule—Trademark Law Treaty Implementation Act Changes [Docket No. 990401084-9227-02] (RIN: 0651-AB00) received August 31, 1999; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

4514. A letter from the Director, Office of the General Counsel, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule—Voting Rights Program (RIN: 3206-A177) received August 11, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

4515. A letter from the Executive Director, Olympic Committee, transmitting the 1998 Annual Report of the United States Olympic

Committee; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

4516. A letter from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Teledyne Continental Motors O-470, IO-470, TSIO-470, IO-520, TSIO-520, LTISO-520, GTSIO-520, IO-550, TSIO-550, and TSIO-550 Series Reciprocating Engines [Docket No. 99-NE-28-AD; Amendment 39-11290, AD 99-19-01] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received September 17, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4517. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting a the annual report titled "Transition to Quieter Airplanes"; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4518. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting a Report On the Activities of the Commercial Space Transportation Program for 1998; to the Committee on Science.

4519. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—October 1999 Applicable Federal Rates [Revenue Ruling 99-41] received September 21, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4520. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Prohibition of Ex Parte Communications Between Appeals Officers and other Internal Revenue Service Employees [Notice 99-50] received September 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4521. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Work Opportunity and Welfare-to-Work Tax Credits [Notice 99-51] received September 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4522. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids [Rev. Rul. 99-39] received September 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4523. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—IRS Adoption Taxpayer Identification Numbers [TD 8839] (RIN: 1545-AV08) received September 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4524. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Tax Exempt BOND Administrative Appeal [Rev. Proc. 99-35] received September 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4525. A letter from the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting the Board's budget request for fiscal year 2001, pursuant to 45 U.S.C. 231f; jointly to the Committees on Appropriations, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Ways and Means.

¶102.8 OVERFLIGHTS OF NATIONAL PARKS

Mr. DUNCAN moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 717) to amend title 49, United States Code, to regulate overflights of national parks, and for other purposes; as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mrs. BIGGERT, recognized Mr. DUNCAN and Mr. MCGOVERN, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House suspend the rules and pass said bill, as amended?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mrs. BIGGERT, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

So, two-thirds of the Members present having voted in favor thereof, the rules were suspended and said bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby the rules were suspended and said bill, as amended, was passed was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said bill.

¶102.9 EUROPEAN COUNCIL NOISE RULE

Mr. DUNCAN moved to suspend the rules and agree to the following concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 187); as amended:

Whereas for more than 50 years, the International Civil Aviation Organization (in this resolution referred to as the "ICAO") has been the single entity vested with authority to establish international noise and emissions standards and, through the ICAO's efforts, aircraft noise has decreased by an average of 40 percent since 1970;

Whereas the ICAO is currently working on an expedited basis on even more stringent international noise standards, taking into account economic reasonableness, technical feasibility, and environmental benefits;

Whereas international noise and emissions standards are critical to maintaining the economic viability of United States aeronautical industries and to obtaining their ongoing commitment to progressively more stringent noise reduction efforts;

Whereas European Council Regulation No. 925/1999, banning certain aircraft meeting the highest internationally recognized noise standards from flying in Europe, undermines the integrity of the ICAO process and undercuts the likelihood that new Stage 4 aircraft noise standards will be developed;

Whereas while no regional standard is acceptable, European Council Regulation No. 925/1999 is particularly offensive because there is no scientific basis for the regulation and because the regulation has been carefully crafted to protect European aviation interests while imposing arbitrary, substantial, and unfounded cost burdens on United States aeronautical industries;

Whereas the vast majority of aircraft that will be affected by European Council Regulation No. 925/1999 are operated by United States flag carriers; and

Whereas implementation of European Council Regulation No. 925/1999 will result in a loss of jobs in the United States and may cost United States aeronautical industries in excess of \$2,000,000,000: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That it is the sense of Congress that—

(1) if European Council Regulation No. 925/1999 is not rescinded by the European Council at the earliest possible date, the Secretaries of Transportation and State should take all appropriate actions to ensure that a petition regarding the regulation is filed with the International Civil Aviation Organization pursuant to Article 84 of the Chicago Convention; and

(2) the Secretaries of Commerce, State, and Transportation and other appropriate parties should use all reasonable means available to them to ensure that the goal of having the regulation rescinded is achieved.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mrs. BIGGERT, recognized Mr. DUNCAN

and Mr. MCGOVERN, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, *viva voce*,

Will the House suspend the rules and agree to said concurrent resolution, as amended?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mrs. BIGGERT, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

Mr. DUNCAN demanded that the vote be taken by the yeas and nays, which demand was supported by one-fifth of the Members present, so the yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mrs. BIGGERT, pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, announced that further proceedings on the motion were postponed.

¶102.10 CENTENNIAL OF FLIGHT COMMEMORATION TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS

Mr. DUNCAN moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill of the Senate (S. 1072) to make certain technical and other corrections relating to the Centennial of Flight Commemoration Act (36 U.S.C. 143 note; 112 Stat. 3486 et seq.).

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mrs. BIGGERT, recognized Mr. DUNCAN and Mr. MCGOVERN, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, *viva voce*,

Will the House suspend the rules and pass said bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mrs. BIGGERT, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

So, two-thirds of the Members present having voted in favor thereof, the rules were suspended and said bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby the rules were suspended and said bill was passed was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk notify the Senate thereof.

¶102.11 SUBMISSION OF CONFERENCE REPORT—H.R. 2605

Mr. YOUNG of Florida submitted a conference report (Rept. No. 106-336) on the bill (H.R. 2605) making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes; together with a statement thereon, for printing in the Record under the rule.

¶102.12 SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION RESEARCH PROGRAM

Mrs. KELLY moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2392) to amend the Small Business Act to extend the authorization for the Small Business Innovation Research Program, and for other purposes; as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mrs. BIGGERT, recognized Mrs. KELLY and Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, *viva voce*,

Will the House suspend the rules and pass said bill, as amended?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mrs. BIGGERT, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

So, two-thirds of the Members present having voted in favor thereof, the rules were suspended and said bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby the rules were suspended and said bill, as amended, was passed was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said bill.

¶102.13 ORDER OF BUSINESS— CONSIDERATION OF THE CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2605

On motion of Mr. DREIER, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That (1) it may be in order at any time on the legislative day of Monday, September 27, 1999, to consider the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2605) making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes; (2) that all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration be waived; and (3) that the conference report be considered as read when called up.

¶102.14 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF FOREIGN SERVICE

Mr. GILMAN moved to suspend the rules and agree to the following resolution (H. Res. 168):

Whereas the modern Foreign Service of the United States was established 75 years ago on May 24, 1924, with the enactment of the Rogers Act, Public Law 135 of the 68th Congress;

Whereas today some 10,300 men and women serve in the Foreign Service at home and abroad;

Whereas the diplomatic, consular, communications, trade, development, administrative, security, and other functions the men and women of the Foreign Service of the United States perform are crucial to the United States national interest;

Whereas the men and women of the Foreign Service of the United States, as well as their families, are constantly exposed to danger, even in times of peace, and many have died in the service of their country; and

Whereas it is appropriate to recognize the dedication of the men and women of the Foreign Service of the United States and, in particular, to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice while protecting the interests of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) recognizes the Foreign Service of the United States and its achievements and contributions of the past 75 years;

(2) honors those members of the Foreign Service of the United States who have given their lives in the line of duty; and

(3) commends the generations of men and women who have served or are presently serving in the Foreign Service for their vital service to the Nation.

SEC. 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit a copy of this

resolution to the President of the United States.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mrs. BIGGERT, recognized Mr. GILMAN and Ms. MCKINNEY, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, *viva voce*,

Will the House suspend the rules and agree to said resolution?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mrs. BIGGERT, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

So, two-thirds of the Members present having voted in favor thereof, the rules were suspended and said resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby the rules were suspended and said resolution was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

¶102.15 HAITI ELECTIONS

Mr. GILMAN moved to suspend the rules and agree to the following concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 140); as amended:

Whereas René Preval was elected president of Haiti on December 17, 1995, and inaugurated on February 7, 1996;

Whereas a political impasse between President Preval and the Haitian Parliament over the past 2 years has stalled democratic development and contributed to the Haitian people's political disillusionment;

Whereas Haiti's economic development is stagnant, living conditions are deplorable, and democratic institutions have yet to become effective;

Whereas Haiti's political leaders propose free, fair, and transparent elections for local and national legislative bodies; and

Whereas Haiti's new independent Provisional Electoral Council has scheduled those elections for November and December 1999: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the Congress—

(1) commends the provisional Electoral Council of Haiti for its decision to hold elections for 19 senate seats, providing for a transparent resolution of the disputed 1997 elections;

(2) urges the Government of Haiti to actively engage in dialogue with all elements of Haitian society to further a self-sustainable democracy;

(3) encourages the Government and all political parties in Haiti to proceed toward conducting free, fair, transparent, and peaceful elections as scheduled, in the presence of domestic and international observers, without pressure or interference;

(4) urges the Clinton Administration and the international community to continue to play a positive role in Haiti's economic and political development;

(5) urges the United Nations to provide appropriate technical support for the elections and to maximize the use of United Nations civilian police monitors of the CIVPOL mission during the election period;

(6) encourages the Clinton Administration and the international community to provide all appropriate assistance for the coming elections;

(7) encourages the Government of Haiti to adopt adequate security measures in preparation for the proposed elections;

(8) urges all elements of Haitian civil society, including the political leaders of Haiti, to publicly renounce violence and promote a climate of security; and

(9) urges the United States and other members of the international community to con-